

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 4-7, and 9-10 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 7, 9, and 10 being independent. Claims 1, 4, 6, and 7 have been amended. Claims 9 and 10 are newly presented.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,182,655 (Motoyanagi). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 of the present invention, as amended, recites an electric equipment having a plurality of power saving modes. The equipment includes deriving means for deriving a remaining capacity of a battery, selecting means for selecting one of the plurality of power saving modes, calculating means for calculating a remaining operating time from data derived by the deriving means and the one of the plurality of power saving modes selected by the selecting means, and display means for displaying both the power saving mode selected by the selecting means and the remaining operating time calculated by the calculating means. Independent Claim 7, as amended, recites a method of operating electric equipment that generally corresponds to Claim 1.

According to the invention, selection of any particular one of the plurality of power saving modes does not restrict the processes that can be performed.

Motoyanagi, which relates to a facsimile apparatus having a rechargeable battery, discloses a plurality of operation modes that have different processes, such as a transmission mode and a reception mode. In contrast to the invention, it does not teach or

suggest a plurality of power saving modes. For at least this reason, it is submitted that Claims 1 and 7 patentably distinguish the invention over the cited reference.

Further, in Motoyanagi, the possible processes that the facsimile apparatus can perform are limited by the operation mode of the apparatus: for example, the apparatus receives in the reception mode, and transmits in the transmission mode. In the invention, as noted above, the possible processes that can be performed are not limited by the power saving mode that is selected.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102 rejection are respectfully requested.


Newly-presented independent Claims 9 and 10 each recite, among other features, controlling a brightness of display in response to a power saving mode selected by selecting means. Applicant submits that the cited reference does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the invention, recited in the new claims.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art. In addition, the dependent claims set forth additional features of the invention. Individual consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Office Action, and submits that the present application is in allowable form. Due consideration and passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

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